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**4TH**  
**OF JULY**





# Executive Committee



*George Blanchard  
Governor*



*Dan Little Axe Sr.  
Lt. Governor*



*Michelle Lopez  
Secretary*



*Anita Chisholm  
Treasurer*



*Atacia Onzahwah  
Representative*

## GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Governor Blanchard and Lt. Governor Little Axe went to Washington DC on May 25th to meet with Assistant Secretary, Echo Hawk and his high level staff in the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This meeting was arranged by the Assistant Secretary as a result of our tribes concerns and issues resulting from the Federal Court decision in Citizen Pottawatomie vs Bureau of Indian Affairs (Collier Case). The meeting began at 10:00 a, on May 26th, 2010 with introduction of everyone in the room as well as other officials on telephone conference call arrangement.

The Assistant Secretary began the meeting by stating that he is very appreciative of the Governor and Lt. Governor coming to Washington for this meeting. He said this indicates the seriousness of the concerns the tribe have with the "Collier" court decision. He then requested us to update him and others regarding the tribe's issues.

Lt. Governor Little Axe presented the concerns and issues the Absentee Shawnee have with the Collier Decision. He stated this decision infringes on the rights of Absentee Shawnee to

survive as Tribal Government. Such infringements include the following:

**A.** Of major concern is related to 10 Probates where the Master Decision Maker is recommending that any undivided interests of 5% or less of the deceased tribal member's allotment be given to the Citizen Pottawatomie. The Absentee Shawnee charge this as an absolute infringement of its rights to the 5% interest on its tribal member allotments.

**B.** Another major concern relates to the effect the Collier decision possibly has on the Funding Allocation for the Tribal Roads Program. If AST lacks jurisdiction in the Former Reservation roads, its funding will be based only on roads within tribal and allotted trust land.

**C.** "Collier" also infringes directly with AST's organic documents, its Constitution and Federal Charter, which defines the tribe's jurisdiction as the Former Reservation. What is the status of the organic documents?

**D.** Law Enforcement, "Collier" also infringes of our rights to enforce tribal law in accordance with our tribe's Law and Order Codes in the Former Reservation.

**E.** Services to Tribal Members. According to "Collier", our tribe have no jurisdictional authority to serve tribal members in the Former Reservation

except, those living on trust allotments.

**F. Service Population.** Many times, grant funding allocation are based on service population within a tribes jurisdiction. This is yet to affect our tribe however, when it does it will drastically cut our tribe's funding if we can count only those members living on AST allotments.

Other issues and concerns were presented by the Governor and Lt. Governor that directly affects our tribe in its ability to grow financially and economically. Concluding Mr. Little Axe's presentation, he read a letter from the BIA Regional Director which states that the "Collier" decision only relates to "Land to Trust" issues.

After conferring with his staff, Assistant Secretary Echo Hawk stated that the BIA is in full support of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. When the Administrative Law Judge makes its decision on the Probates, the BIA will pursue the issue in support of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Much of the other issues will relate directly to the final decision in the probate cases. In relation to the other land acquisition questions and desires of the tribe, he requested us to submit a letter outlining what the tribe needs and want. He said the Bureau is very concerned with "Collier" and he again wanted to stress his support for the Absentee Shawnee. He concluded



by telling the Governor, he appreciates very much, our coming to Washington DC to bring the Bureau of Indian Affairs up to date on this issue.

The Governor and Lt. are satisfied with the response they received from the Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and his Staff. We intend to keep tribal members aware of these issues in communications.

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

**H**ello Tribal members,  
I would like to start by saying it has been my pleasure working with Treasurer Chisholm and Representative Onzawah, and would like to wish them all the success in every aspect of their lives from here on out.

I know it has been a battle field for most of the two years but you both accomplished a lot for our tribe and I for one really appreciate it. Thank you for your service to our tribe.

Now for the news on tribal issues, we are currently looking at construction starting on the new Clinic and hope to have it open in late 2011 I believe. We the EC members attended a meeting for the final signing of the closing documents of the Joint Venture on May 27, 2010 in Oklahoma City and it was a very exciting time for us. We are well on our way to bringing the best quality health care to our tribal members. If you haven't seen the renderings of the new clinic there are some in both clinics and I encourage you to go look at them and be proud of them as this is your clinic in the future.

As for the new Casino project we are now moving forward on this since the closing of the Joint Venture documents have been signed. We will continue to keep you informed of the progress. As we all know on May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup> there

was several tornados touched down in several different areas and one of these tornados just missed Thunderbird Casino. If this would have struck the casino we as tribal members would have lost our biggest revenue generator for this tribe, and that's why we are trying to get more casino's and more smoke shops open for us to rely on if there was ever a disaster to hit Thunderbird. This is very important to get moving on new Economic development in our tribe.

We currently have bonds that need to be sold for the Tecumseh Square project and will be looking at selling these to move forward on this project as well. Kenny Jones has been heading up this project and hope to have an update real soon.

I hope you and your families have a safe Fourth of July holiday.

I hope everyone is doing okay after the storms and getting back to their routines and if there is anything that I can do or the tribe can do please call or come by my office and I will try in every way to help if possible.

Thank you,  
Secretary Lopez.

Following is some of the FEMA numbers that may help :

Don't delay in applying for Assistance the deadline is July 23, 2010.

1-800-621-3362

1-800-462-7585 (TTY)

[www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov)

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**W**ell here it is two years later and I am leaving the office of the Treasurer. I can't tell you how much I've enjoyed my tenure here at the tribe. I have really loved working with all the EC members and all the AST employees. We have had our good times and our bad times but I always feel I have learned something new about other people and certainly myself. Learning is a life long process. We should always keep our mind, heart and spirit open to new things and to new people. We all have a lot of work to do in this world and we can do this by helping others to become better people by helping each reach their goal/s in life. It is never about "winning" but it is always about "helping". I think we had many good examples of this when the tornado hit our area.

I believe I accomplished my goal of helping the Finance Department and the Human Resource Department to become the finest departments every. We have outstanding people in each department all who are well qualified for their positions. Although I didn't have the opportunity to work directly with other departments I do know we have many departments throughout the tribal complex who are better than they were two years ago. I think this happened because of better communication among employees. I do hope that the current employee committee continues to grow, mature and become a real advocate for all employees at the AST complex. I challenge each to know your rights and to stand strong with each other. Thank you all AST employees. Good job! Wonderful job!



I hope the next EC committee will continue to learn from one another, respect each other and show professionalism in all their dealings with employees and other EC members. I also hope the new EC committee will learn more about the AST Constitution and their duties. I hope each develops their own leadership skills of communication both written and verbally. It is also important that each know the "basic of communication" like how to run a meeting properly, how to follow through on certain items of business, how to strategize and brain storm on issues at hand, how to pull a team of workers together for a common cause, how to plan ahead and how to follow the proper policies and procedures. If these basic items are known by all the EC members all activities of the EC committee will run more smoothly and the tribe will be better organized in all their endeavors. It takes strong leaders to accomplish this and I pray we will have strong, committed and respectful leaders.

In every way when a person ends a tour of duty we always look back and wish we could have done better. This is certainly how I feel. I think I did my best but I feel I could have done better. The best thing I can do now is pray for our tribe and our leaders. It is most difficult to be a leader in a tribe. It is probably the most difficult job around. We see many types of tribal leadership around this state as well as nation wide and in Canada. Those tribes that are most successful according to financial/business, cultural and language standards have leaders who understand these three areas and their importance. They commit themselves to retaining, building and growing each area. These tribes elect smart committed men and women. I hope our tribal people will do this as well. Give attention to our younger Absentee

Shawnee Tribal men and women of our tribe. We have many outstanding smart college educated young women and men right here amongst our tribe. We also have many outstanding smart educated young women and men who do not have a formal education but still are well educated in all aspects of life. Give them serious consideration when they run for office in the future. We have what it takes to be a great Shawnee Indian Nation. We have those leaders in place right now. We as Absentee Shawnee people deserve the very best leaders possible. We have them out there right now. Let's start looking for them and ask them to run for office in the very near future. Each of us should settle for only the best leaders possible. May the Creator richly bless you and your family

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## **FINANCE DEPARTMENT JULY 2010**

**T**he Finance office continues in keeping the day to day activities flowing efficiently and effectively through communication between the Finance office and Programs. In working together, we have found the most time effective and cost effective processes for transacting business. Thanks to the Executive Committee and all the programs for their support and understanding in the Finance Department's continued efforts to stay caught up. Our 2009 Audit is in the final stages of completion with only the MD&A (Management Discussion and Analysis) to prepare. The expected completion date was April 30, 2010 and there were a few unexpected hurdles that had to be addressed causing a delay in the completion. The MD&A report is an informative report within the 2009 Audit; which is a brief review of the Audit and explanation of the audit. Accounting continues to stay caught up and Financials are being completed Quarterly

and being reported to the Department of Interior – March 31, 2010 1st Quarter 2010 reports were submitted on May 2, 2010.

The Indirect Cost Proposal for 2011 is underway. It is imperative the accounting / bookkeeping be caught up and continues to stay caught up so that audits go smoothly so that Indirect Cost rates will stay up to date as well. Audits affect the ability to submit indirect cost proposals which affects grants. We expect the audit to be completed by the June. The Indirect Cost proposal is due June 30, 2010 and we are working hard to target that date. The Bond Financing closed May 27, 2010 so the funding for the new health clinic is complete. With this completion there is a need for the accounting for the Li Si Wi Nwi, Health Clinic (formerly the Little Axe Clinic) to have its own financial reports. The Finance department is working diligently to make that necessary change.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Finance Department has a very hard working group of people and it is an honor to work with them and at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. This department would like, as always, to extend a special thanks and note of appreciation to the Executive Committee for providing the tools, resources and support to enable the finance staff to accomplish what has been accomplished. A special thanks and note of appreciation to Program Managers and Employees of the Tribe for their assistance and dedication in our group effort toward accomplishing our goal. Now that we are caught up, we are dedicated to continue our efforts in this direction. If you have any questions or needs, please call 405-275-4030 ext 162 and I will be glad to assist you in any way I can.

Thank you,  
Belinda Collins, Controller



**FY-2010  
YTD TAX COLLECTIONS**  
(thru 5/31/2010)

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	YEAR-TO-DATE		% OF COLLECTIONS
						TOTAL	TOTAL	
Sales (6%)	\$6,427.61	\$6,733.05	\$7,875.54	\$8,710.79	\$105.09	\$29,852.08	\$29,852.08	3.06%
Gaming % of free cash	\$51,581.00	\$144,551.00	\$266,645.00	\$205,410.00	\$100,000.00	\$768,187.00	\$768,187.00	78.83%
Employee (1%)	\$10,591.43	\$8,094.39	\$7,956.42	\$13,023.30	\$4,585.09	\$44,250.63	\$44,250.63	4.54%
Severance (8%)	\$1,337.71	\$1,422.00	\$3,983.15	\$3,993.27	\$686.39	\$11,422.52	\$11,422.52	1.17%
Motor Vehicle	\$7,677.61	\$13,795.32	\$13,902.50	\$12,220.72	\$8,255.01	\$55,851.16	\$55,851.16	5.73%
Tobacco Refund	\$0.00	\$15,292.49	\$10,187.03	\$19,193.77	\$18,623.92	\$63,297.21	\$63,297.21	6.50%
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>\$77,615.36</b>	<b>\$189,888.25</b>	<b>\$310,549.64</b>	<b>\$262,551.85</b>	<b>\$132,255.50</b>	<b>\$972,860.60</b>	<b>\$972,860.60</b>	
Miscellaneous	\$795.00	\$282.50	\$217.50	\$135.00	\$230.00	\$1,660.00	\$1,660.00	0.17%

## REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Greetings everyone,

This letter serves as my final submission as my term as your Tribal Representative comes to a close. I want to thank those who have supported me during my term. It has been an honor. The phone calls that I received expressing support meant the world to me. They seemed to come just when it was needed. My gratitude extends to those who didn't support me as well, for you inspired me to try even harder.

A special thank you to my children and my mother who made just as many sacrifices as I did. Thank you for being patient with me and for the understanding you have given me when I may have missed special moments while fulfilling my obligations while in this role. Treasurer Chisholm, you are an extraordinary woman – the epitome of a leader and it has truly been a pleasure serving by your side.

In 2008 I decided to give up my job and run for office, in hopes of bringing more stability to our tribe by TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance/Office) for the purpose of enforcing Indian Preference in hiring and a TERO fee for contractors on tribal construction projects. As stated before, we are getting \$440,000 back from the contractor of the Joint Venture Clinic as a result of TERO.

It was also my desire to bring our tribe the Tribal Workplace Protection Act which is a set of laws equivalent to federal employment law. By the time you get this letter, I will have met my personal goals. Though it has been stated that my accomplishments were not accomplishments at all, I walk away knowing differently.

This tribe is now the first tribe in Oklahoma and possibly the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the entire nation to adopt the Tribal Workplace Protection Act which is a set of laws that are intended to protect our employees from discrimination based on race, gender, political affiliation and retaliation, to name a few key protections. Our tribal members who also work for the tribe will no longer have to be in fear of expressing their opinions at General Council or at any other meeting for fear of retaliation or political affiliation. Those who violate these protections will be held accountable by the TERO Board of Commissioners and our Tribal Court system. Before TERO/Tribal Workplace Protection, there were no protections at all.

I cannot stress enough how important this set of laws is to our tribe as a whole. I urge each of you to strongly support it and even protect it. Be leery of any future leadership who may wish to do away with it. It is meant to protect our employees and hold us, as employers, accountable to those we employ. We have some good people here and they deserve to work in a non-hostile environment. They should be able to work in peace without fear of being fired without cause



every election season or because they spoke to another Executive Committee member. This also shows the federal government that we are fair employers and it reflects a sense of stability to those who wish to do business with us. Remember this.

Tribal Elders, I also leave with you the Elders Protection Code. Know that you have this code on your side to help protect you from abuse or harm. I should also state that this new law is now being used as the basis for the submittal of various grants that are meant to assist our tribal elders. I am sure you will hear more about those grants in the months to come provided that they are awarded to us.

I now want to take this moment to share with you some concerns that I have with the election process of this tribe. I feel that the concerns are of such significance that I have to share them with you before I leave.

Here is my experience with the election process: Upon filing for office of Lt. Governor, I was told that it would also be necessary that I submit my fingerprints as a part of the background check. I did as directed submitting my fingerprints to the Election Commission. I received a letter dated in May, 2010 from the Election Commission **after** the primary election. I had already lost the Primary and yet the letter stated that it would be necessary for me to resubmit my fingerprints due to the fact that my fingerprints came back inconclusive. I have never been declared an official candidate for our recent election.

Because I never received a letter declaring me as an official candidate for the office of Lt. Governor, I held back in campaigning placing very few signs up though I had purchased several, made very little contact with constituents, etc. In the meantime, the primary election came and went and I was still not declared a candidate.

The body responsible for the declaration of candidates should not wait until **after** a primary election to request another fingerprint submission. I would think that after a few weeks of not receiving satisfactory results of my fingerprint submission, someone

should have followed up with the entity that conducts the fingerprint checks to find out what the hold up may have been and then contacted me sooner so that I could have resubmitted my prints. Had I been declared a candidate in a timely manner, I would have campaigned as I would have liked to have had the opportunity to.

I hope that in the future, this doesn't continue to be a detriment to other people paying the filing fee to run for office. With some of the issues that have occurred recently and in a previous election in which candidates names were wrongly removed from the ballots, I **sincerely hope that our tribe begins to consider seeking a third party to conduct our elections.** It is concerning when these types of situations occur and when a tribal member, who is also an Election Commissioner, publicly makes a statement to the Executive Committee in a Regular Executive Committee meeting that "I hope none of you are running for office again".

My second concern is this:

During the Primary Election, I attended the counting of the absentee ballots on the morning of the election. In observing the counting, there was a ballot that came in from another state which was notarized; however, it did not have a notary commission number provided. Instead, the person notarizing that affidavit wrote in a note stating that their state did not require commission numbers. When this issue came up, Election Commissioner Meredith Wahpekeche indicated that she was familiar that that state didn't require commission numbers because they had that issue come up **last year**. The Election Commission chose to accept that ballot as a good ballot. A little later, another ballot came up from the very same state, again it was properly notarized; however, because the notary did not write a note stating that it was not required in that state, the Board, with the exception of one board member, voted to mark the ballot as spoiled.

The issue that I have is that the Election Ordinance states that the affidavit for absentee ballots must be notarized, not "notarized with a note from the notary". The aforementioned

ballots were from the very same state and yet got treated differently because of a little note. Where is the logic in that? I am concerned that it was not expressed to you, the voter, that if you are using an absentee ballot, not only must you have it notarized but you must also have your notary write a note if that state does not require commission numbers. I am concerned that there may be those voters who take their time and their money to pay for their notary fee and postage, and who think that their vote counts, when, it may not. And not only may it not be counted but no one may have bothered to tell you that it didn't count and why.

If the Election Commission, or at least one of them, knew about this issue a year ago why wasn't something done to resolve this matter? Why didn't anyone take it upon themselves to compile a listing of all states and each states notary requirements after the issue came up last year? Some states require notary commission numbers, some do not. Some states use stamp-type notary seals, some use embossed (raised). It is my understanding that in previous elections, some ballots may have been categorized as spoiled because the notary was the ink stamped type rather than embossed. Again, the Election Ordinance does not clearly state that it must be a certain type of notary. If you have votes coming in from several other states, why not find out what those states require rather than only going by Oklahoma law and then categorize an incoming vote as spoiled because they do not coincide with Oklahoma notary requirements? And how long has this been occurring?

I will say that I brought my concern about the notaries without commission numbers up to a few of the Election Commissioners who were in attendance of a Regular Executive Committee meeting recently. Later when I attended the counting of the absentee ballots for the run-off Election on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010, a statement was made by an Election Commissioner indicating that they were aware that there was a concern with the absentee ballots and that they had compiled a list of state requirements of those states from which requests for absentee ballots had come from. It was also stated that



when there is an issue they work to correct it – acknowledging that there was something incorrect that occurred in the absentee ballot counting in the Primary Election.

It's unfortunate that this wasn't corrected before this entire election even began. Why wait until a year later in a new election, in between a primary and a run-off election to address the matter? It would have made more sense for the Election Commission to have addressed this matter immediately after the situation came up a year ago (as indicated by one Commissioner). Why did it take me making an issue of this before anything was done to address this? I am also in awe that a tribal judge was present for the absentee ballot counting for both the Primary and Run-Off Election this year and didn't seem to express any concern with the Election Commissions delay in an attempt to resolve this situation.

Another concern is that the Election Ordinance does not address campaign contributions. It would be prudent for our Election Ordinance to outline some sort of rules in terms of campaign contributions such as limits and submittal of receipts. I was surprised to find that there are no rules about this and it seemed no intention to update any rules related to this subject.

That is all I have to say about that. Again, I feel that these concerns were of such significance that I felt it impossible to not speak up about it.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to have served you. I wish each of you health and prosperity.

Respectfully,

Alecia Onzawah

## The following are Resolutions passed thru June 16, 2010

### EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:

#### **E-AS-10-44 06/02/10**

Authorizes and approves the Fire Protection System Inspection Proposal between the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma and Firetrol Protection Systems (attached); and designates Governor George Blanchard as the Tribal official with the signature authority to execute the contract on behalf of the Tribe, effective immediately.

#### **E-AS-10-45 06/02/10**

Employs Rick Short, 4105 Quail Dr., Norman, OK 74801, as the Child Care Development Fund Contractor for the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; authorizes and approves the contract (attached); and designates Governor George Blanchard as the Tribal official with the signature authority to execute the contract on behalf of the Tribe, effective immediately.

#### **E-AS-10-46 06/02/10**

Supports the AST Veterans Association by waiving all taxes, permits and any other provisions requiring a return to the Tribe under the Tax Code and associated with the agreement with Firecracker Joe's by the AST Veterans Association.

#### **E-AS-10-47 06/16/10**

Approves, authorizes and supports the submission of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Grant Application for funding under the COPS office entitled, "COPS FY2010 Tribal Methamphetamine Initiative" and approving and authorizing the Memorandum of Understanding for the grant application.

#### **E-AS-10-48 06/16/10**

Approves and accepts **NATHAN WAYNE TAYLOR** as an enrolled member of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of

Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

#### **E-AS-10-49 06/16/10**

Authorizes and approves the amended Management Agreement between the Tribe and Thunderbird Entertainment Center, Inc., and authorizing the Governor or his designee to sign the attached Management Agreement, **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

#### **E-AS-10-50 06/16/10**

Amends the and enacts the attached Chapter VII, Personnel Management, Section Y. Health and Safety, Subsection 2 Health Policy of the Administrative Systems Manual, **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

#### **E-AS-10-51 06/16/10**

Reclassifies James L. Edwards Lane as a school zone; and authorizes the Chief of the Absentee Shawnee Police Department to post and enforce a speed limit of 20 mph on James L. Edwards Lane, as well as the entire Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex, per Section 622 of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Criminal Offenses Code, **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

### LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS: None

# UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

## ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ELECTION COMMISSION UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS RUN OFF ELECTION - JUNE 19, 2010

This is to announce the Unofficial results of the June 19, 2010 Run Off Election for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. This election was held on the above date pursuant to the Tribal Constitution and the Election Ordinance. All votes were counted at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### Lt. Governor: (2 Year Term)

Isaac Gibson, Jr.	<u>205</u>	Votes
Dan Little Axe, Sr.	<u>182</u>	Votes

#### Treasurer: (2 Year Term)

Scott Miller	<u>166</u>	Votes
Kathy Deere	<u>219</u>	Votes

#### Representative: (2 Year Term)

Jeff Gibson	<u>232</u>	Votes
Betty Watson	<u>155</u>	Votes



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FEMA News Desk: 405-917-3250  
OEM PIO: 405-521-2481 (ofc)  
405-205-1879 (cell)

# Recovery News

## APPEALING AN INELIGIBILITY LETTER MAY TURN ‘NO’ TO ‘YES’

**OKLAHOMA CITY** – Oklahomans who have received notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that they are ineligible for disaster assistance following the May 10-13 tornadoes and storms may be able to use additional documentation to turn that “no” into a “yes.”

“Every applicant has the right to appeal a decision,” said Federal Coordinating Officer Gregory W. Eaton. “In fact, applicants can appeal any FEMA decision. When you do so, you are asking us to review your case again, and we will gladly do that.”

Applicants who received a letter stating they are “ineligible” should read that document carefully. It will list some reasons the aid was denied and provide instructions on filing an appeal.

Some common reasons an applicant may be determined ineligible include:

- Insufficient storm-related damage.
- Adequate insurance coverage.
- Additional personal or insurance information needed to complete the assistance evaluation process.
- Confusion about Social Security numbers, addresses or phone numbers. **If FEMA can’t contact you, your application may be denied.**

Applicants may appeal the decision if they find circumstances have changed from the time they registered. They may have discovered additional damage to their property, or that they need housing help after all. Renters may find upon returning that their residences are unlivable.

“The Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and FEMA understand that circumstances after a disaster can be fluid and changeable,” said State Coor-

ordinating Officer Fred W. Liebe. “Oklahomans have the chance to report those changes — changes that could make the difference in becoming eligible for disaster assistance.”

Effective appeal letters should follow these procedures:

- In the first paragraph, list the applicant’s full legal name used on the aid application, along with Social Security number and the FEMA case number. Include a personal phone number as well as a back-up phone number where the applicant also can be reached, in addition to a correct mailing address.
- Write an explanation of events that provides evidence to support the appeal. Summarize changes in circumstances or needs, additional damages to property discovered after the registration was filed or higher-than-planned costs for repairs, for example.
- Include photocopies of receipts for materials and labor as well as up to three written bids for repair work if those costs exceed the award amount. Submitting repair estimates, receipts, statements or invoices helps applicants lodge effective appeals.

Also keep in mind:

- The appeal letter must be submitted within 60 days of the date on the denial letter — by mail, or by fax at **1-800-827-8112**, or in person at a state/federal Disaster Recovery Center. Keep a copy of the appeal letter and supporting documentation as a record.
- Information on how and where to file an appeal is included with denial letters and in the “Help After a Disaster” booklet that is included with registration packets.

One of the best sources of help with an appeal is the network of Disaster Recovery Centers. Applicants can get guidance on the appeal process at any of the three centers currently open in Oklahoma to support those affected by the spring storms. Another option is FEMA’s Helpline at **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**, TTY **1-800-462-7585** for the hearing and speech impaired.

For more information on Oklahoma disaster recovery, browse the features on this FEMA website at [www.fema.gov/Oklahoma](http://www.fema.gov/Oklahoma) or visit the OEM site at [www.oem.ok.gov](http://www.oem.ok.gov) or follow OEM on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/okem>. Users of smart phones and other mobile devices can visit [m.fema.gov](http://m.fema.gov).

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

The Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management (OEM) prepares for, responds to, recovers from and mitigates against emergencies and disasters. The department delivers service to Oklahoma cities, towns and counties through a network of more than 350 local emergency managers.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

## AST REALTY DEPARTMENT

### Cobell Settlement Information

In regards to the many questions regarding the long-running class action lawsuit, Cobell vs. Salazar involving the mismanagement of Indian trust accounts and the recent court decision to reach a settlement, the Department of Interior-Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians has directed that if any individual that may have questions regarding the Cobell settlement should call the toll free hotline number at **1-800-961-6109**. You can also visit a website that was setup to provide answers to Frequently Asked Questions

at [www.cobellsettlement.com](http://www.cobellsettlement.com)

**How will I know if I'm included in the settlement?** You will be included in the settlement if you had an IIM account open at anytime between approximately 1985 and September 30, 2009, or you had an individual interest in land held in trust or restricted status by the U.S. government as of September 30, 2009. Certain heirs to deceased class members may be included, as well. I recognize that many individuals have particular circumstances that might make it unclear whether they are included. A process for individuals to self-identify and apply for inclusion in the class will be developed if the settlement is approved. At this stage, the most important thing you can do is to register to ensure that we have a valid address to send you important information. If you are not receiving a quarterly IIM statement, then there is a chance that the government does not have a current address for you and you should register.

#### How do I register to receive settlement communications?

You can register over the phone or Internet.

Internet: <https://cert.tgcginc.com/iim/register.php>

Telephone: 1-800-961-6109

## THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Shawnee Words for body parts:

1. head	ho we se
2. ears	ho ti ki wi le
3. eyes	ho se ke sa
ko	
4. mouth	ho to ne
5. teeth	ho we pe ti
le we	
6. hand	ho la ge
7. hands	ho la gi le
8. foot	ho fa ge
9. toe	ho fa ta he
10. hair	ho we la fi
11. leg	ho ki ge
12. legs	ho ki ti le
13. heart	ho ta he

#### STATEMENT:

"The Elders said to learn the Shawnee Language, teach your children be proud to be an Indian and take care of your people."

"pi pe ya ge ka si wi ne wi to wa ke ti we ko pa, ka ki ka ya ke mi ke ke ne ge yi ni ke ka me se la la ti ya se si wi ne wa we yi ne ka ha wa se ke ge ti wa la mi ke ke ta la ni wa mi ke."



# A NEW NAME

**T**he Little Axe Clinic has begun to use a new name. It is "Li-Si-Wi-Nwi," which means Among the Shawnee. The employees have quickly learned how to pronounce the new name for the clinic. In the event callers ask what the name means, the employees are ready to explain. Other internal forms, documents, such as stationary will reflect the new name.

## Attention Women:

**H**ave you had your women's wellness screening? The Absentee Shawnee Tribe is partnering with Affordable Quality Care in Norman and the Take Charge Program of Central Oklahoma to ensure that ALL women who qualify get their breast and cervical screenings done. For more information, please contact Sharon Ponkilla, Women's Wellness Advocate for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe @ 405-878-4702 or email [sponkilla@astribe.com](mailto:sponkilla@astribe.com)

**T**he Absentee Shawnee Tribe Caregiver Support Program will have a meeting Thursday July 22, 2010 at 10:00 AM in the Community Health office of building 17. This meeting will be held for current caregivers and those who are interested in learning more about the program. If you should have any questions please contact Nancy Ward, Caregiver Coordinator at 878-5850.

# AST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM



**J**ackie Denny attended the first State-wide Oklahoma Victim's Assistance Academy held in Ada, Oklahoma, June 6 through June 11, 2010. The Academy provided state-specific training in victim assistance issues and is modeled after the National Victim Assistance Academy. This Academy was open to victim advocates and other service providers who provide intervention and services to victims and survivors of crime. Jackie received over 60 hours of training during this Academy.

**Absentee Shawnee Tribe  
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program**

## Sexual Violence is Not Ok.

**For reporting crimes of sexual assault  
and victims assistance contact,**

**Linda Gouge**  
**Sexual Assault Advocate**  
[lgouge@astribe.com](mailto:lgouge@astribe.com)  
**405-275-4030 ext 206**

**All calls will remain completely confidential!!**



**Please bring  
the following:**

A drivers license or  
state ID

A tribal ID card with  
enrollment number

Ownership informa-  
tion or quarterly  
statement from OST

Legal descriptions  
for each of your  
real property  
holdings

If you wish to spe-  
cifically bequest  
personal property,  
please bring a good  
description of that  
personal property  
(Jewelry, furniture,  
etc)

Bring your existing  
will, if you have one  
or wish to revise  
your existing will

Date of birth of your  
children or devisees

**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE  
TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA**

1025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.  
Shawnee, OK 74801

Phone: 405-275-4030

Fax: 405-878-4700

E-mail:

jgipp@astribes.com

# Last Will & Testament



**Friday, September 10, 2010**

**9:00am - 3:00pm**

**AST Complex-Building 1**

**Realty Department**

In a joint venture Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) and the Realty Department will conduct a free will clinic at the Absentee Shawnee Complex Building in Shawnee, OK. OILS will be available on-site to assist with questions and the preparations of a Last Will and Testament for Tribal members **ONLY**.

Appointments will be in 45 minute increments, sign in 15 minutes before scheduled time. Please call Norma Barnes at 943-6457, to schedule your appointment



# WORLD WATER MONITORING DAY

**W**orld Water Monitoring Day is celebrated every year in September. This year World Water Monitoring Day will be celebrated on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The day is meant to be an international education and outreach program. It was created to increase public awareness and involvement in protecting the world's water resources. Last year 120,000 people participated and water resources in 81 countries were monitored.

The World Water Monitoring Day activities include site registration and monitoring of four basic water parameters. The parameters are temperature, pH, turbidity, and dissolved oxygen. These parameters give a brief "snapshot" of the health of the water body. Temperature affects plant and animal life in the water body. pH also dictates plant and animal life by limiting mating and reproduction activity as well as metabolism. Turbidity measures the clarity of the water. The clearer the water the faster it warms in the summer and allows more algae growth. Turbidity is also used as a drinking water parameter because it can help hide organisms in water. Dissolved oxygen is the amount of oxygen in the water. Fish and plants used dissolved oxygen to breathe and basic life support. The deeper the water, there is less dissolved oxygen in the water. These parameters are essential to monitoring water resources.

This year the Office of Environmental Health and Engineering is sponsoring a group to monitor water resources within the tribal service area. The site once chosen may be monitored anytime between March 22, 2010 and December 18, 2010. The results must be submitted by December 31, 2010. The site will be determined once participants have been organized and kits have been obtained. If you would like to learn more about the World Water Monitoring Day you may go to the following website <http://www.worldwater-monitoringday.org/>. If you would like to participate please email or call Shaun at the Office of Environmental Health and Engineering at (405) 214-4235 or [swiegmann@astribe.com](mailto:swiegmann@astribe.com). You will be contacted and dates, times and locations will be set up once participants are identified. So if you or someone you know would like to participate please help make this an annual tradition and help learn more about our water resources.

## ELDER'S BINGO





# SHANE JETT

CANDIDATE FOR UNITED STATES CONGRESS



Shane Jett is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation. As a state representative, he co-founded the Native American Caucus of the Oklahoma House of Representatives. The purpose of the caucus is to educate the House membership about Native American issues and develop closer relationships with the other 39 tribes. That same year, Rep. Jett became one of the founding members of the National Caucus of Native American State Legislators.

Rep. Jett commissioned the state map that shows tribal territory with State House Districts to use as a tool to facilitate and encourage communication, cooperation and collaboration between tribal leaders and the Oklahoma State Legislature.

Rep. Jett understands the positive economic impact that the tribes bring to the State of Oklahoma. He has given numerous speeches, talks and seminars on how to empower tribal members

and their tribes to effectively influence state government.

Shane Jett is running for United States Congress to replace Mary Fallin, who is running for Governor. Jett is the only tribal member running for the 5th Congressional District seat.



## ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE VETERANS ASSOCIATION

To find out more about the AST Veterans Association, schedule the Color Guard or request a Military Funeral Honor call:

David (405) 245-4802

Walter (405) 683-1247

John (405) 481-3822

astveterans@gmail.com

Address: Absentee Shawnee Tribe  
Veterans Association  
P.O. Box 247  
Tecumseh, OK 74873



The next membership meeting will be Wednesday, July 14th at Thunderbird Casino. The meeting will begin at 7pm. A pot-luck dinner will follow the meeting.



Alexander, Ann Marjory  
Alford, Bruce Douglas  
Alford, Louella Ann  
Allen, Cheryl Renee  
Barber, Kristin Lynn  
Bateman, Willow Shoshana  
Rain  
Bayliss, Angel Ann  
Bayliss, Billy Ray  
Bayliss, Katherine Anne  
Bear, Bonnie Jean  
Beaver, Rodney Gene  
Bender, Judith Ann  
Bigpond, Wiley Lee  
Birdtail, Mary Evelyn  
Blackburn, Virginia Rae  
Blanchard, Brian Keith  
Blanchard, Clayton Lee  
Blanchard, Eric Leon  
Blanchard, Henry R.  
Blanchard, Jamin Dalton  
Blanchard, Mekathiwa Sky  
Blanchard, Nicholas Adam  
Blanchard, Virginia Adele  
Bonham, Virginia Doreen  
Booth, Randall David  
Botone, Lisa Lucille  
Bradley, Edward H.  
Brady, Sharon Kay  
Brinson, Nicholas Henry  
Bryce, Anita Jean  
Buckley, Brandon Michael  
Buckley, Christopher Maurice  
Burkhart Sr, Arthur Elliott  
Butler, Donna Ellen  
Byers, Marilyn  
Byers, Shannon Leon  
Byers, Shawn Deon  
Byington, Michelle Hope  
Carlson, Tyellissa Lynn  
Citty, Keith Leon  
Citty, Steven Keith  
Ciulla, Tina Faye  
Cochrane Jr., Guy Stanley  
Colungo, Darrell Dean  
Combs, Robert Paul Dwight  
Coody, Erin Melody  
Cottrell, Mckinzey Faye  
Cox, Jennifer Renee

Davis Jr., Anthony Louis  
Davis Jr., Edward Leroy  
Davis, Amber Lynn  
Davis, Bryar Nicholas  
Davis, Jocelyn Paige  
Day, Jennifer Ann  
Deer, Derrick Wesley  
Deer, Elnora Laverne Kaseca  
Deer, Ethan Mack  
Deer, Jaden Brandon  
Deer, Kensington Jaide  
Deer, Marissa Caitlin  
Deere, Angelina Renee  
Deitz, Aimee Rochelle  
Delodge, Ezra Manuel  
Dennison, Daniele  
Doussett, Calvin Cecil  
Dry, Shavonne Lynn  
Ellingsen, Shirley Mae  
Ellis, Andee Nicole  
Ellis, Charlotte Lynn  
Ellis, Chet Herbert  
Ellis, Christian Nathaniel  
Engler, Emily Laiken  
Farmer, Christine Bobbie  
Felton, Zachary Douglas  
Foley, Clayton Shane  
Foreman, Amber Len  
Fowler, Cheyenne Deneau  
Freeman, Eugene Bryce  
Frye, Williams Scott Thomas  
Garretson, Donna Kay  
Gatzman, Darla Juyne  
Gibson, Alan Gerard  
Gibson, Donald James  
Gibson, Elvis Glenn  
Gibson, Gary Lloyd  
Gibson, Ryan Edmond  
Gibson, Tyler Glen  
Gilcrease, Maedia Jean  
Grass, Cree Breean  
Gurrola, Daniel Alberto  
Harjo, Jeanette Marie  
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Harjo, Sharon Melody  
Haskins, Donna Paula  
Haymond, Trisha Lynn  
Helvy, Alta Jean  
Henshaw, Allen Shawn

Hernandez, Daezi Viay  
Herndon, Martin Clyde  
Herrera, Michael Lee  
Hood, Dallas James  
Hood, Elaina Rae  
Hood, Matthew Dean  
Hood, Piri Reis  
Howe, Reign Phil  
Hutchinson, Velma Jo  
Hyde, Lester Clark  
Johnson, Amber Dawn  
Johnson, Austin Lee  
Johnson, Debra Jean  
Johnson, George Lewis  
Johnson, Grant Scott  
Johnson, Jessie Colt  
Johnson, Kyle Dylan  
Johnson, Nikki Renee  
Johnson, Noreen Dottie  
Johnson, Rita Jo  
Johnson, Stacey Lynn  
Johnson, Steven Boyd  
Johnson, Tillman Earl  
Jones, Donna Kay ( Ellis)  
Jones, Teresa Ann Wilson  
Judkins, Dyllon Garrett  
Kaniatobe, Karen Faith  
Kaseca, April Eve  
Kaseca, Kanynn Leiann  
Kaseca, Kevin Lynn  
Kaseca, Russell Franklin  
Kickapoo, Christopher Kerry  
Kihega, Michaela Ellen  
Kirby, Steven Wayne  
Kirby, William Michael  
Kupczynski, Cora Ashley  
Larney, Nathaniel Roy  
Little Axe Jr., Danny  
Little Axe, Charlie Pratt  
Little Axe, Graci Raquel  
Little Axe, Jerry James  
Little Charley, Jackie  
Little Jim, Lindsey Marie  
Little, Edwin Thomas  
Little, Tony Wayne  
Littlebear, Nelson Wayne  
Littlecreek, Josephine Taylor  
Littlecreek, Mychal Shawn  
Long, Jordan Lee  
Longhorn, Ewell Gary

Longhorn, Lee Allen  
Longman, Ashley Nicole  
Longman, Clayton Dean  
Longman, Kristopher Morgan  
Longman, William Ashton  
Lovins, Wesley Jacob  
Ludlow, Zoretta Denise  
Mack, Felix Wayne  
Marquez, Quentin Miles  
Martin, Robyn Alexa  
Martinez, Jalon Maverick  
Martinez, Jasmine Nicole  
Martinez, Stephanie Diane  
Masquat, Ricky Lee  
Maxfield, Lisa Clorean  
McBride, Wyatt Dean  
McCoy, Violet Christine  
Harry  
McCulloch, Erin Corrine  
McGee, Michael Shannon  
McMahan, Jayden Thomas  
Merrell, Sean Allen  
Michaelson, John Edward  
Mohawk, Travis Gene  
Morton, Colette Ellen  
Morton, Darrell Jackson  
Morton, David Arthur  
Morton, Sara Brianne  
Neugent, Louise L. C.  
Onzawah, Alecia Joann  
Orosco, Diana Lee  
Pack, Camryn Lorraine  
Pack, Kristyn Bailey  
Patton, Qwentis Adarryl  
Patty, Twana Marie Spybuck  
Pederson, Rena Kaye Little  
Axe  
Pena, Eric  
Pickens, Teddy Ray  
Pine, Jaime' Ann  
Pine, James Francis  
Pitner, Sylvia Sue  
Ponce, Autumn Dawn  
Ponkilla, Debra Jaclyn  
Ponkilla, Martin Ned  
Roach, Drew Wilson  
Robertson, Leland Scott  
Robison, Christopher  
Charles

Rodas Lopez, Monica Leree  
 Rolette, Makaila Lynn  
 Rolette, Sharon Sue  
 Rolland, Vannessa Kay  
 Ross, Gary Willis  
 Rudloff, Dylan Cole  
 Runsabove, Wade Mitchell  
 Schulenberg, Esteline Sloan  
 Schwarz, Loretta Jean  
 Serena, Lisa Lynn  
 Shane, Vivian Louella  
 Shawnee, Coltin Dale  
 Shawnee, Derrick Joel  
 Shirk, Deborah Ann  
 Simpson, Shirley Florence  
 Sims, Vikki Ann  
 Sloat, John Levi  
 Smith, Curtis Alan  
 Smith, Katherine Danene  
 Smith, Kenneth Lee  
 Smith, Lauren Ashlee  
 Smith, Leslie Anne  
 Smith, Lori Beth  
 Smith, Tina Mae

Snake, Brandon Matthew  
 Snake, Gerald Kendall  
 Snake, Jennie Lucy Mohawk  
 Soap, Crystal Diane Moon-  
 light  
 Soap, Devin Elijah  
 Solis, Allan Jesus  
 Spoon, Jordan Leann  
 Spoon, Ramona Gaye  
 Spybuck Jr, James Cody  
 Spybuck, Morganne Faith  
 Squire, Thomas  
 Stanley Jr., Denny Atine  
 Starr, David Martin  
 Starr, Sheila Renee  
 Stewart, Robert Sterling  
 Switch Sr., Douglas Vaughn  
 Switch, Kathern Suzzete  
 Switch, Voguel Carroll  
 Talton, Daveon Lee  
 Tapia, Shawnee Antonio  
 Taylor, Lena Elaine  
 Taylor, Nina Gail  
 Tharp, Deborah Lynne

Thomasee, Lawrence Cy  
 Thompson, Cheyenne Jada  
 Thorpe, Jarrett Scott  
 Thorpe, Sandra Lorene  
 Tiger Sr., Leonard Gene  
 Tiger, Ann  
 Tiger, Annette Renee  
 Tiger, Francis Allen  
 Tiger, Sarah Fawn  
 Tiger, Sherman Lee  
 Tiger, Sonya Marie  
 Tiger, Susan Rochelle  
 Tiger, Toni Dion  
 Torres, Carol Ann  
 Tsoodle, Arminda Lee  
 Uchida, Micheal Gene  
 Vasquez, Rebecca Faye  
 Wakolee, Bernard Wilson  
 Wallace, Timothy Scott  
 Ware, Jenny Ann  
 Warrior, Daniel Adam  
 Warrior, Donna Carol  
 (Gibson )  
 Warrior, Samuel Norbbie

Washington, Walter  
 Watson, Brian Keith  
 Watson, Jamie Ann  
 White Jr., Charles Daniel  
 White, Amber Mary  
 White, Thomas Wayne  
 Whitebird, Shelby Gail  
 Williams, David Arlen  
 Williams, Jalyn Anissa  
 Williams, Melanie Marie  
 Williams, Orin Ray  
 Williams, Samuel Lee  
 Willingham, Deidra Marie  
 Wilson, Justin Dean  
 Wilson, Marcus Allen  
 Wilson, Penny Arlene  
 Winter, Pilarr Ann  
 Winton, George Scott  
 Wolf, Nevaeh Annalise  
 Wolfe, Beverly Edwina  
 (Butler )  
 Worley, Tehia Jane  
 Yates, Katie Ann  
 Yones, Arthur Ralph

Edwin T. Little  
 Happy Birthday to the best dad in the world.  
 Love, Chris, Clarissa, Eric, Monica and  
 Robin  
 We all love you so much!

Happy 12th Birthday Christian Ellis  
 Love Gma & Gpa Ellis, Mom & Dad, Ariel, Andee Girl, & Austin

Happy 11th Birthday Andee Girl Ellis  
 Love Gma & Gpa Ellis, Mom & Dad, Ariel, Christian, & Austin

July 17th, HAPPY 15TH BIRTHDAY  
 Jalyn Williams  
 Love your G-MA & G-PA

July 31st, HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
 Esteline Schulenberg  
 Love your sisters and brother



Happy 6th Birthday Tomas  
 Love Mom,Dad,Lacy, Diana, and Lily We love you.

*Happy Birthday Hon  
 I love you!  
 From Suger*

**Happy Birthday!**

CULLEN CHASE NAIL  
 GRANDMA'S (BIG) BOY  
 HAPPY 13TH BIRTHDAY  
 LOVE  
 GRANDMA PATTY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
 MARY E.  
 HOW OLD ARE YOU??????

TO ALL MY WONDERFUL FAMILY MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS IN JULY  
 DAD AND I WISH ALL A HAPPY AND SAFE DAY WE LOVE YOU ALL  
 NIKKI JOHNSON ,KEVIN AND LEILA KASECA , LOVE MOM AND DAD KASECA

HAPPY 4TH BIRTHDAY JULY 10 TO MY BEAUTIFUL  
 SUGARBABY KANYANN LEIANN KASECA  
 LOVE GRANNY AND PAPA KASECA AND BUBBA KANTYNN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: NORA DEER AND RUSSELL KASECA,  
 STEPHANIE FIXICO, JOCELYN DAVIS  
 WE WISH YOU ALL A GREAT DAY  
 LOVE ROY AND RHONDA KASECA



Robyn Alexa Martin  
 July 22nd  
 Happy 12th Birthday Robyn!! We love you!!  
 Mom and Daddy Lance

Happy Birthday Robyn!  
 Love your sisters and brothers,  
 Skyla, L Iiyah, M ikaylah, Shawn, J oaquin,  
 and Silas

## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations Lindsey James  
 on your high school graduation  
 and enlistment into the USS  
 Navy.

Lindsey graduated from Shaw-  
 nee High School in May 2010  
 where she was active in softball  
 and basketball.

Lindsey will leave for basic training at the Naval Station  
 Great Lakes Training Center in Chicago Illinois in early  
 July.

Lindsey is the daughter of Absentee  
 Shawnee Tribal member Bessie Lee  
 Creek and Chris Vasques. Grandparents  
 are Josephine (Littlehead) Creek and the  
 late Eli Creek and Hope & Jim Armstrong.  
 Great-Grandparents are the lat William  
 and Nora (Squire) Littlehead and Albert  
 Creek and the late Orphie Mae Creek.

We are very proud of you Lindsey and  
 wish you the very best as you pursue  
 your dreams. We will miss you very much!

Love, Your Family



# Building Blocks is open for business.

We had our grand opening on May 27, 2010 at 6:30pm. It was a great accomplishment for the tribe and for our tribal members. Refreshments were served and it was enjoyed by all enrolled kids and their families. All staff was on hand to meet and most of the EC were on hand for this long awaited occasion. We had the ribbon cutting performed by Scott Miller, Secretary Lopez, and Mr. Rick Short. This has been a special project for a few years now that they had all worked on together and a special thanks goes out to Representative Onzawah for finishing the project. If it wasn't for these hard working people we would have never finished this project. Special Thanks to Mr. Rick Short for writing this grant for the tribe and getting the funding for a new state of the Art Daycare. There were so many who had started and worked hard on this project and would like to give thanks to Scott Miller, Secretary Lopez, Rick Short, Tresha Spoon, Kenny Jones, Clarice Murdock, Rita Pine, and many more. Please drop by and check the new day care out. You will be amazed at the new technology that has been installed for the children and the safe room that has been built for the children's safety. We all know how important that is after the May storms. It simply is a unique place for your child to learn and be well cared for. We have a wonderful and very knowledgeable staff. Stop by and see for yourself. If you should have any questions about the daycare please don't hesitate to call Sherry Reynolds at 878-0633.





## Preventing accidental injury.

Over the past few months, **nine children have died** while alone in a vehicle, and summer hasn't even officially begun. Did you know that a child's body heats up 3 to 5 times faster than an adult's? It only takes a few short minutes before a child can become dangerously overheated.

Every year, more than 30 children die because they are alone in a car. In just 10 minutes a car's temperature can increase by 19 degrees – and it continues to rise. There is no evidence that cracking the windows helps prevent the temperature in vehicle interiors from reaching dangerous levels. In fact, sunlight coming through car windows makes the car work like an oven.



### Follow these tips to help prevent child injuries:

- Dial 911 immediately if you see an unattended child in a car. EMS professionals are trained to determine if a child is in trouble.
- Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle, even with the window slightly open.
- Place a cell phone, PDA, purse, briefcase, gym bag or whatever is to be carried from the car on the floor in front of a child in a backseat. This triggers adults to see children when they open the rear door and reach for their belongings.
- Set your cell phone or Blackberry reminder to be sure you dropped your child off at day care.
- Set your computer calendar program, such as Outlook, to ask, "Did you drop off at daycare today?"
- Have a plan that if your child is late for daycare that you will be called within a few minutes. Be especially careful if you change your routine for dropping off little kids at day care.
- Teach children not to play in any vehicle.
- Lock all vehicle doors and trunk after everyone has exited the vehicle – especially at home. Keep keys out of children's reach. Cars are not playgrounds or babysitters.
- Check vehicles and trunks FIRST if a child goes missing.

**PLEDGE: I pledge to never leave my child in the car alone, even for a minute.  
If I see a child left alone in a car, I will call 911 immediately.**



# Education Department

The following are current programs administered by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Education Department:

- **Academic (K-12) Program:** assists with academic related expenses, and a portion of funds can be used for school-related athletic program expenses. Program has a maximum funding limit for the academic year.
- **Zahn Program:** established from a trust fund, program can help with some graduation expenses, and awards two (2) incentives: one for GED recipients and one for High School graduates. Program has a maximum amount of funding for graduation expenses.
- **Job Training Adult Education Program:** funds for vocational training at accredited vocational institutions. Program has a maximum funding limit for the calendar year or per program.
- Higher Education: **Education Incentive Award Program:** funds for undergraduate degrees, one associates or bachelors degree, at any accredited college or university. Funding levels are determined based upon grade point average and full-time or part-time status.
- **Graduate Scholarship Program:** funds for one master's degree or one doctoral degree, and can fund for one graduate admissions test. This program has funding levels based upon full-time and part-time status.

All funding is based upon the availability of funds at the time of application.

## Attention:

All applications and guidelines are available at [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com).

There are no deadlines for the Job Training Adult Education Program, but you must submit your application documents at least three weeks prior to the beginning of the course to ensure funding is available and can be disbursed to the institution.

Applications for the Education Incentive Award Program are due July 31, 2010.

For more information, please call Tresha Spoon at (405) 275-4030 ext. 121 or 1-800-256-3341 or email to [tresham@astribe.com](mailto:tresham@astribe.com).

# In Our footsteps

In Our Footsteps arts program of the AST tribe of Oklahoma is offering free music lesson all year round for All Native American's from the ages of 8 years on up to adults. We teach guitar, drums, bass guitar, piano, vocals and recording of audio. All summer you can join in and have some fun while you learn. Just call Phil Bradley at 405-370-5576 or Kristy at 405-878-4716. You could be playing soon come on in or call.

We'd love to see you in class. And we offer to all who learn guitar a free new ac guitar at the end of your completed classes for the ac guitar. Thank you so much and have a great summer.

Phil Bradley  
Creative Arts Instructor  
405-370-5576

*Project S.C.H.O.O.L. Presents:*

## Fun In The Sun *Back-to-School Bash*

**Friday, July 30th  
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

*Location: Shawnee Clinic (AST Complex)*



**Games, Prizes,  
Inflatables  
Fun! Fun! Fun!**

**For More Information: (405) 878-5850  
2029 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee**

# “Here we are; Where are we going?”

Fact: Pottawatomie County has the 3rd highest suicide rate in Oklahoma  
Question: Why hasn't this rate decreased?

Fact: There has been 53 meth deaths in Oklahoma Jan-Mar. 2010

Question: Is there a correlation between suicide and drug use?

Where: Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech Skylab 1; Hwy 18 & Interstate  
I-40, Shawnee, OK 74804

When: Tuesday, July 13th, 2010

- 8:00 –8:30 - Registration
- 8:30-9:30 - Bullying and the effects through perils times
- 9:30-10:30- Suicide and the effects on our community
- 10:30-10:45- Break
- 10:45-11:45- C.A.R.D.S/ Youth on probation (alternative ways to help our youth)
- 11:45-12:30- Lunch provided
- 12:30-1:30- Meth Inside out video
- 1:30-2:30- State Representative (tentative)
- 2:30-2:45- Break
- 2:45-3:45- Depression and Suicide among youth
- 3:45 –5:00- Focus Group Work—Programming and linking with the community

Registration is required

Fax registration form to: Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma  
405-878-4708. Questions? Call 405-878-4716 ask for Kristy Morrell

Presented by The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma  
Methamphetamine/Suicide Prevention Initiative and Behavioral Health Services.



## Following in Our Footsteps Crisis Response Team

**There is no cost to attend this seminar!**





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### Foster Parents Needed!!!

Can you open your home and heart for a foster child.? Foster parents provide a temporary, safe home for children in crisis. Foster parents are partners with child welfare workers, lawyers and judges. It is not for everyone but if you have it in your heart - we need you.

- Can you love and care for a child who comes from a difficult background?
- Can you help a child develop a sense of belonging?
- Are you secure in yourself & your parenting Skills?
- Can you maintain a positive attitude toward a child's parents?
- Can you love with all your heart & then let go?

FOSTER PARENTS PROVIDE A TEMPORARY, SAFE HOME FOR CHILDREN IN CRISIS. THEY ARE PARTNERS WITH WORKERS, LAWYERS, AND JUDGES. IT IS NOT FOR EVERYONE! CAN YOU OPEN YOUR HOME AND HEART FOR A FOSTER CHILD?

Many children need a loving home and a family to help them through a very tough time. Please think about it and talk with your family before you become a foster home. They all need safe, supportive environments!

If you find yourself and your family interested in Foster Care, please contact Melissa Lopez  
405-275-4030 ext. 166.

# EL DORADO *Motors*

**NEED A CAR, TRUCK OR SUV  
LOW DOWN PAYMENT  
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**CALL EL DORADO MOTORS @**  
**405-526-4600**  
**AND ASK FOR BIG LARRY OR**  
**LITTLE JOHN**



## Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority

1117 N. Kimberly, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74804

Phone: (405) 273-1050

### Native American Programs Available:

- |   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| ❖ Lease with Option to Purchase   | ❖ Maintenance Assistance  |
| ❖ Rental  | ❖ Down Payment Assistance |
| ❖ Over-Income Down Payment Assistance and Maintenance Assistance for Enrolled AST Members |                           |





# **ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS**

**WE HAVE A PROMOTION JUST FOR YOU**



**EVERY WEEK RECEIVE  
\$10 FREE SLOT PLAY**

Just show your  
Absentee Shawnee  
Tribal CDIB Card,  
to take advantage  
of the offer.

See Player's Club Desk  
for complete details

## PHARMACY NEWS

### ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL PHARMACY SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Pharmacy (Shawnee Location) can fill prescriptions for enrolled tribal citizens only.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Clinic Pharmacy in Little Axe can fill prescriptions for tribal citizens written by Physicians not located a Tribal Clinic under the following circumstances:

1. The prescription is for an Absentee Shawnee Tribal citizen who has an established chart at the Little Axe Clinic.
2. The prescription is on the formulary of approved medications and stocked in the pharmacy.

The following are a few tips to help us deliver pharmacy services to you more efficiently;

- ✓ Present insurance cards each time you pick up or drop off a prescription.
- ✓ Keep us informed of all changes in address, phone number and other contact information.
- ✓ Let the Pharmacy staff know if the prescription is going to be picked up or needs to be delivered.
- ✓ If you have any questions concerning your prescription please feel free to call and talk to our Pharmacist. They are here to assist you with your pharmaceutical needs.

### Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

#### • Tribal Housing Improvements Application

The Tribal Housing Improvement Program's goal is providing sanitary, safe, and decent housing for its members by utilizing the following criteria to select the most "in need" tribal members with homes that are in disrepair but are still suitable for rehabilitation. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and criteria which is approved by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

- a. Handicapped/Disabled and Elderly
- b. Income
- c. Family Size/Overcrowded Living Conditions
- d. Condition of Home

#### Other Programs available:

##### • Sanitation Facilities Assistance Program

Applications need to be completed and all necessary documents attached before the application will be processed.

Applications are available online on the website: [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com).

Submit completed application to:

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering  
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma  
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.  
Shawnee, Ok 74801

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Complex  
Office of Environmental Health & Engineering, Building 13  
If you have any questions, you can reach us by phone at (405) 214-4235

**If you'd like to submit an ad  
or article give us a call at  
(405) 598-1279 or send us an  
e-mail at  
[mediadept@astribe.com](mailto:mediadept@astribe.com)**

**ALL ARTICLES WILL BE  
SUBMITTED AS  
RECEIVED.**



### Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Little Axe Clinic • Little Axe Dental Clinic  
15702 E. Hwy 9  
Norman, Oklahoma 73026

Phone: (405) 447-0300 Fax: (405) 447-2250

#### Clinic Operating Hours

Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Weekends/Federal Holidays

Closed

\* Clinic and Pharmacy will be closed the  
3rd Wednesday of each month  
from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m





# FOLLOWING THE TRAIL

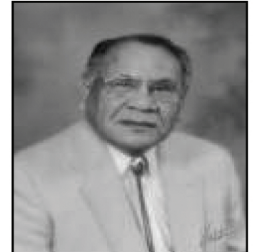
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Native American Men  
and Boys Conference

[www.forministry.com/usoksobcoonamc](http://www.forministry.com/usoksobcoonamc)



**Clint Sinclair**  
Evangelist  
Okemah, OK



**Eddie Lindsey**  
BGCO  
Oklahoma City, OK



**Dean Blevins**  
KWTW, Sports Director  
Oklahoma City, OK

**Conference Location:**

**Cornerstone  
Indian  
Baptist  
Church**  
Little Axe, Oklahoma

**Registration Costs:**

***Before August 6, 2010***

**Men: \$15.00**

**Boys (12-18): \$10.00**

***After August 6, 2010***

**Men: \$20.00**

**Boys (12-18): \$15.00**

**Contact us:**

**Bryce Scott**  
(405) 912-0044  
[bscott@midwestcityok.org](mailto:bscott@midwestcityok.org)

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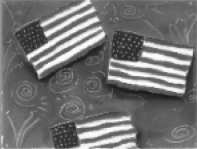
**Jimmy Jones**  
(918) 738-5490  
[jimmy.jones@cox.net](mailto:jimmy.jones@cox.net)



menu subject to change

July 2010

2% milk served daily

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOT GOING TO BE HOME CALL & LET US KNOW AT 275-4030 EXT 169 OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER		<b>Lunch hours</b> <b>Monday - Thursday</b> <b>11am to 1pm</b> <b>Friday is Breakfast</b> <b>9am to 11am</b>		1 <b>Chicken Broccoli</b> <b>Casserole</b> <b>Beets</b> <b>Roll/Plums</b>	2 <b>Ham/Egg Breakfast</b> <b>Casserole</b> <b>Biscuit</b> <b>Fruit</b>	3
4 	5 <b>AST Closed</b> <b>Observing</b> <b>Independence</b> <b>Day</b>	6 <b>Meatloaf</b> <b>Scalloped Pot.</b> <b>Okra/Tom.</b> <b>Salad Bar</b>	7 <b>Pork Chop</b> <b>Stuffing</b> <b>Turnip Greens</b> <b>Cinn. Apples</b> <b>Bread</b>	8 <b>Cheesy Ham</b> <b>Tater Casserole</b> <b>Mixed Veggies</b> <b>Roll/ Fruit Salad</b>	9 <b>French Toast</b> <b>Sausage</b> <b>Cereal</b> <b>Fruit</b> <b>Milk</b>	10
11	12 <b>Hamburger w/chez</b> <b>Lett/Tom./Onion</b> <b>Pickles</b> <b>Bean Salad</b> <b>Fruit Cocktail</b>	13 <b>Baked Ham</b> <b>Sweet Pot.</b> <b>Brussel Sprouts</b> <b>Bread</b> <b>Fruit Jell-O</b>	14 <b>Hawaiian Chicken</b> <b>Wild Rice</b> <b>Glazed Carrots</b> <b>Roll/Pineapples</b>	15 <b>Taco Salad</b> <b>Lett./Tomato</b> <b>Onions/Chez</b> <b>Salsa/Pears</b>	16 <b>Biscuit</b> <b>Sausage Gravy</b> <b>Cereal</b> <b>Fruit</b> <b>Milk</b>	17
18	19 <b>Tuscan Noodle</b> <b>Bake</b> <b>Greenbeans</b> <b>Roll/Peaches</b>	20 <b>Mexican Casserole</b> <b>w/corn tortillas</b> <b>Ranch style beans</b> <b>Spanish Rice</b> <b>Salad Bar/Salsa</b>	21 <b>Bake Potato Bar</b> <b>Ham/chez</b> <b>Broccoli &amp; chez</b> <b>Banana Pudding</b> <b>vanill wafers</b> <b>Fresh Fruit</b>	22 <b>Chicken Salad</b> <b>Sand.</b> <b>Pot. Salad</b> <b>Choc. Pudding</b>	23 <b>Breakfast</b> <b>Burrito</b> <b>Sausage/egg/chez</b> <b>Tortilla</b> <b>Salsa</b>	24
25	26 <b>Chicken Fry Steak</b> <b>Mashed. Pot</b> <b>Zucchini &amp; Tom.</b> <b>Roll/Apricots</b>	27 <b>Beef Tips/ noodles</b> <b>Okra</b> <b>Bread Stick</b> <b>Peach Cobbler</b>	28 <b>Cheesy Chicken</b> <b>Spinach Casserole</b> <b>Veggie Medley</b> <b>Cucumbr/Onion</b> <b>Salad/Bread</b>	29 <b>Navy Beans/ham</b> <b>Potato Squares</b> <b>Corn Bread</b> <b>Sliced tom./Onion</b> <b>Fruit</b>	30 <b>Cinnamon Roll</b> <b>Ham Scrambled</b> <b>Eggs</b> <b>Cereal</b>	31

## July 2010

The Title VI Staff hopes everyone is having a great summer.

As the weather will be getting hotter, The Title VI Staff wants everyone to enjoy their meal especially the homebound. We know some days you will not be home and you will leave an ice chest out but we need for the homebound to put some ice packs in them so the heat will not start to spoil the meal and milk.

Example: Butter container, or pop bottles, or the blue freezer pack, depending on the size of your ice chest, something that will freeze good.

Please keep hydrated, drink plenty of water.

If you have any questions you can call us at 275-4030 ext. 169



# **FREE Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors still Available!!**

OEH personnel will provide and install smoke alarms and/or carbon monoxide detectors for enrolled Absentee Shawnee tribal members living in Pottawatomie, Cleveland, or Oklahoma County.

Please complete an application/short survey form and schedule a time and date for installation. Application/survey forms are available at the OEH office and at [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com).

Please contact OEH at 214-4235 for more information.

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## **Absentee Shawnee Tribe**

### **Enrollment office Address Change Request**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CDIB# \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tribal Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please Mail to:  
Absentee Shawnee Tribe  
Enrollment Office  
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive  
Shawnee, OK. 74801**



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE  
OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA  
2025 S. GORDON COOPER DR.  
SHAWNEE, OK 74801

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Shawnee, OK 74801

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REQUESTED



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GRAPHICS & PRINTING

## Some services that are offered include:

**Business Cards**

**Invitations**

**Announcements**

**Calendars**

**Banners**

**Logo Designs**

**Graphics**

**Brochures**

**Envelope Designs**

**Copies**

### 2010 TRIBAL PHONE NUMBERS

Tribal Complex	(405) 275-4030
or	1-800 256-3341
OEP	(405) 273-9966
Building Blocks	(405) 878-0633
Health Programs	(405) 878-4702
or	1-877-878-4702
Little Axe Clinic	(405) 447-0300
Shawnee Clinic	(405) 878-5850
Shawnee Pharmacy	(405) 878-5859
Behavioral Health	(405) 878-4716
LA Resource Center	(405) 364-7298
or	(405) 364-7569
LA Cultural Center	(405) 447-3372
AST Police	(405) 275-3200
or	(405) 275-3432
OEH	(405) 214-4235
AS Housing Authority	(405) 273-1050
Thunderbird Casino	(405) 360-9270
Or	1-800-259-LUCK
AST Media Dept	(405) 598-1279
AST Media Dept Fax	(405) 598-1294